AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 61, ~~further~~ comprising:

converting the digital media file into analog electrical data; and

manipulating ~~the~~ a transfer of ~~both the digital media file and~~ the analog electrical data to the conventional media playback system using a user interface on the client converter device.

3-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 61 ~~2~~, ~~further~~ comprising:

converting the digital media file into analog electrical data; and

manipulating a ~~the~~ transfer of ~~both the digital media file and~~ the analog electrical data to the conventional media playback system using a portable electronic device.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5 ~~wherein the~~ comprising manipulating the transfer of the analog electrical data using a portable electronic device ~~is~~ embodied in a personal digital assistant.

7-10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 61, wherein receiving the digital media file from the network includes receiving the digital media file using a wireless transceiver via wireless transfer protocol.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, comprising using ~~wherein the wireless transfer protocol is~~ IEEE 802.11b as the wireless transfer protocol.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 61 ~~11~~, ~~wherein the client converter device is a portable electronic device including~~ comprising using a wireless local area network adapter to receive the digital media file from the local area network.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, comprising receiving into a personal digital assistant the digital media file from the local area network via the wireless local area network adapter ~~wherein the portable electronic device is a personal digital assistant~~.

15-60. (Canceled)

61. (Currently Amended) A method to play back digital media, the method comprising:

receiving a portion of a digital media file stored on a server via a local area network into a volatile memory in a client converter device;

converting the portion of the digital media file in the volatile memory to a format usable by a conventional media playback system; ~~and~~

receiving a subsequent portion of the digital media file from the server into the volatile memory via the local area network, wherein flow of the subsequent portion of the digital media

file from the server into the volatile memory via the local area network is controlled so as to avoid interruption of media playback on the conventional media playback system ~~converting the portion of the digital media file and receiving the subsequent portion of the digital media file occurs substantially simultaneously~~.

62. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 61, ~~further~~ comprising:~~.~~ detecting an activation of a button of the client converter device to start playback on the conventional media playback system.

63. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 61, ~~further~~ comprising:

establishing a communicative network connection between the client converter device and the conventional media playback system;

communicatively coupling the client converter device to the server via the local area network;

enabling user navigation through a digital media database stored on the server at the client converter device via the local area network;

selecting the digital media file for playback in response to user instruction; and

controlling flow of ~~streaming~~ the digital media file from the server into the volatile memory of the client converter device via the local area network in response to user instruction.

64. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 63, wherein the client converter device is operable to perform the converting of the digital media file while the client converter device remains communicatively coupled to the server via the local area network.

65. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 61, comprising converting ~~wherein~~ the digital media file ~~comprises an audio file and the converting format usable by the conventional media playback system is~~ to an analog line level audio signal format.

66. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 61, comprising converting ~~wherein~~ the digital media file ~~comprises an audio file and the converted format usable by the conventional media playback system is~~ to an uncompressed digital audio bitstream format.

67. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable storage medium tangibly embodying a sequence of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method, the method comprising:

receiving a portion of a digital media file stored on a server via a local area network into a volatile memory in a client converter device;

converting the portion of the digital media file in the volatile memory to a format usable by a conventional media playback system; ~~and~~

receiving a subsequent portion of the digital media file from the server into the volatile memory via the local area network, wherein flow of the subsequent portion of the digital media file from the server into the volatile memory via the local area network is controlled so as to avoid interruption of media playback on the conventional media playback system ~~converting the portion of the digital media file and receiving the subsequent portion of the digital media file occurs substantially simultaneously~~.

68-70. (Canceled)